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SUBJ: ILLEGAL WEST-BANK SETTLEMENTS

REF: JERUSALEM 1790

1. ILLEGAL SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY HAS CONTINUED SPORADICALLY SINCE LAST WEEK'S MAJOR DEMONSTRATIONS. ON NIGHTS OF OCTOBER 14 AND 15, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ARMY WAS ATTEMPTING TO COPE WITH GROUP OF ABOUT 100 IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF SHILOH (ACTUALLY ON MOUNT

BA'AL HAZOR) BETWEEN RAMALLAH AND NABLUS. OCTOBER 16 ACCOUNT STATED ONLY THAT ARMY HAD SURROUNDED SETTLERS AND HAD SEIZED THEIR VEHICLES, MAKING OUT CONFISCATION ORDERS FOR LATTER. IT WAS REPORTED THAT HUNDREDS OF OTHER SETTLERS WERE HEADING FOR THE AREA AND IN EFFORT TO STEM REINFORCEMENT ISRAELI AUTHORITIES CLOSED OFF KIRYAT ARBA.

2. JERUSALEM POST STATES RABBI LEVINGER OF KIRYAT

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ARBA (TEL AVIV 5793) AND PORAT MQ GUSH ETZION HAS BEEN UNDER

ARREST SINCE MONDAY AND THAT ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PRESS CHARGES AGAINST THEM BOTH FOR LEADERSHIP OF SETTLEMENT DEMONSTRATIONS.

3. JERUSALEM'S MIMOR KOLLEK MADE JERUSALEM POST FRONT PAGE OCTOBER 14 WITH STATEMENT TO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL THAT ISRAELI INDUSTRIAL AREA WAS BEING PLANNED FOR NEIGHBORHOOD OF MA'ALE ADUMIM, ONE OF DEMONSTRATION SITES ON ROAD TO JERICHO. THIS IS ACTUALLY LONG-STANDING PROJECT (JERUSALEM A-094, AUGUST 20, 1974) AND WAS PROBABLY MENTIONED AT THIS POINT BY KOLLEK LARGELY AS DIVERSIONARY EFFORT. EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT APPEARS TO US UNLIKELY.

4. CONTINUING INDICATIONS OF ARAB CONCERN ARE REPORTED IN PRESS, PARTICULARLY FROM NORTHERN WEST BANK. THESE MAINLY TAKE FORM OF PETITIONS AND PROTESTS, AND WE HAVE HEARD OF NO DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH SETTLERS. OUR EARLIER SUPPOSITION (JERUSALEM 1789) THAT ARABS WOULD NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN SETTLERS AND ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS TENDED TO BE BORNE OUT BY SUBSEQUENT ARAB REACTIONS.
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